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**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY**  
(Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Rule 44bis)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 06.0175.3.mo	<b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b>		See item 4 below
International application No. PCT/EP2006/002169	International filing date ( <i>day/month/year</i> ) 09 March 2006 (09.03.2006)	Priority date ( <i>day/month/year</i> ) 01 September 2005 (01.09.2005)	
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<p>2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:</p> <p>a. type of material</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a sequence listing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> table(s) related to the sequence listing</p> <p>b. format of material</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> on paper</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> in electronic form</p> <p>c. time of filing/furnishing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> contained in the international application as filed</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> filed together with the international application in electronic form</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search</p>	
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1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	YES
	Claims <u>1-17</u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	YES
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Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	YES
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2 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1

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the cleaning body (28) being designed for cleaning and/or for treating and/or for disinfecting at least parts of the human foot, and the base body being arranged on the floor.

Documents D2-D4, see the corresponding passages and figures cited in the search report, likewise disclose all the features of claim 1.

3      DEPENDENT CLAIMS 2-17

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- Feld Nr. I Grundlage des Bescheids
- Feld Nr. II Priorität
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- Feld Nr. IV Mangelnde Einheitlichkeit der Erfindung
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- Feld Nr. VI Bestimmte angeführte Unterlagen
- Feld Nr. VII Bestimmte Mängel der internationalen Anmeldung
- Feld Nr. VIII Bestimmte Bemerkungen zur internationalen Anmeldung

2. **WEITERES VORGEHEN**

Wird ein Antrag auf internationale vorläufige Prüfung gestellt, so gilt dieser Bescheid als schriftlicher Bescheid der mit der internationalen vorläufigen Prüfung beauftragten Behörde ("IPEA"); dies trifft nicht zu, wenn der Annehmer eine andere Behörde als diese als IPEA wählt und die gewählte IPEA dem Internationalen Büro nach Regel 66.1 bis b) mitgeteilt hat, dass schriftliche Bescheide dieser Internationalen Recherchenbehörde nicht anerkannt werden.

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3. Nähere Einzelheiten siehe die Anmerkungen zu Formblatt PCT/ISA/220.

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1. Hinsichtlich der **Sprache** beruht der Bescheid auf

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 einer Übersetzung der internationalen Anmeldung in die folgende Sprache, bei der es sich um die Sprache der Übersetzung handelt, die für die Zwecke der internationalen Recherche eingereicht worden ist (Regeln 12.3 a) und 23.1 b).

2. Hinsichtlich der **Nucleotid- und/oder Aminosäuresequenz**, die in der internationalen Anmeldung offenbart wurde und für die beanspruchte Erfindung erforderlich ist, ist der Bescheid auf folgender Grundlage erstellt worden:

a. Art des Materials

Sequenzprotokoll  
 Tabelle(n) zum Sequenzprotokoll

b. Form des Materials

in Papierform  
 in elektronischer Form

c. Zeitpunkt der Einreichung

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**2 UNABHÄNGIGER ANSPRUCH 1**

Die vorliegende Anmeldung erfüllt nicht die Erfordernisse des Artikels 33(1) PCT, weil der Gegenstand des Anspruchs 1 im Sinne von Artikel 33(2) PCT nicht neu ist. Dokument D1 offenbart (Abb. 1-7, und dazugehörige Beschreibung; die Verweise in Klammern beziehen sich auf dieses Dokument) eine Waschvorrichtung ausgebildet zur zumindest teilweisen Reinigung und/oder zur Pflege und/oder zur Desinfektion eines menschlichen Fußes, mit wenigstens einem plattenförmigen Grundkörper (18) und wenigstens einem mit dem Grundkörper (18) verbundenen Reinigungskörper (28), wobei der Reinigungskörper (28) zur Reinigung und/oder zur Pflege und/oder zur Desinfektion von zumindest Teilen des menschlichen Fußes ausgebildet ist und wobei der Grundkörper auf dem Boden angeordnet ist. Dokumente D2-D4, siehe die entsprechenden im Recherchenbericht angegebenen Abbildungen und Textstellen, offenbaren ebenfalls alle Merkmale des Anspruchs 1.

**3 ABHÄNGIGE ANSPRÜCHE 2-17**

Die Ansprüche 2-17 enthalten keine Merkmale, die in Kombination mit den Merkmalen irgendeines Anspruchs, auf den sie sich beziehen, die Erfordernisse des PCT in Bezug auf Neuheit Artikel 33(2) PCT bzw. erfinderische Tätigkeit Artikel 33(3) PCT erfüllen, siehe die Dokumente D1-D4 und die entsprechenden im Recherchenbericht angegebenen Abbildungen und Textstellen.